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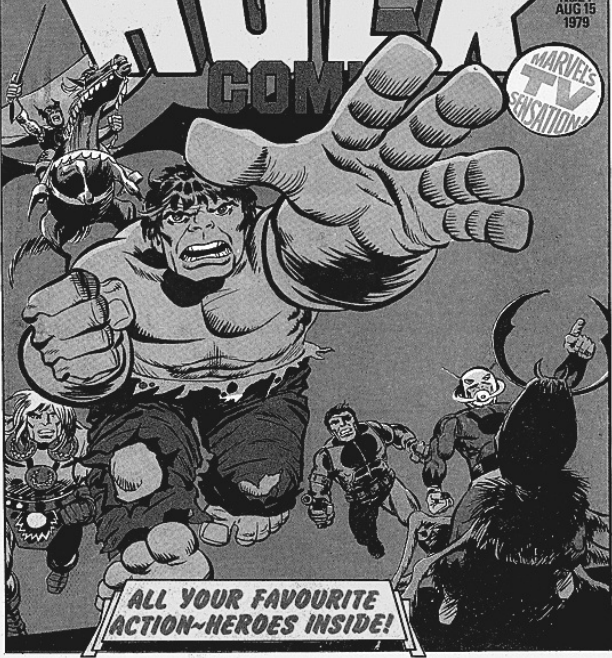
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MARVEL'S
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**ALL YOUR FAVOURITE
ACTION-HEROES INSIDE!**

FROM NOWHERE, GROOT THE LIVING TREE SENDS WOOD MISSILES AT..

THE INCREDIBLE

HULK



VICTIM OF GAMMA RADIATION
BRUCE BANNER NOW FINDS
HIMSELF TRANSFORMED IN TIMES
OF STRESS INTO THE MOST POWERFUL
CREATURE EVER TO WALK THE
EARTH!!



HAH!
WHAT GOOD ARE LITTLE
BITS OF WOOD NOW
TALKING TREE?

BAKABAKABAK



AND IF ROCK WILL STOP
LITTLE BITS OF WOOD...
-- THEN MAYBE IT
WILL STOP TALKING
TREE AS WELL!



CURSE YOU
DASTARD!

KO PAN!

GROOT WILL
NOT BE
BEAT BY
SUCH AS
YOU!



IT'S NOT AS THOUGH YOU HAVE
A CHOICE GROOT.

HULK TOLD
TALKING TREE
HULK DON'T
WANT TO
FIGHT..



ONE SOLDIER, TALKING TREE
ONLY WANTED TO BEAT HULK!

WELL,
HULK BEAT
SOLDIER,
AND HULK
SEA
MONSTERS



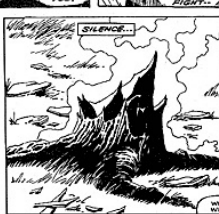
--AND NOW HULK
WILL BEAT
TALKING TREE!

AND WHEN
HULK HAS
BEATEN
EVERYTHING...
NOTHING WILL EVER
BOther HULK AGAIN.



DOES TALKING TREE UNDER-
STAND WHAT HULK IS
SAYING?

DOES HE-TH?



SILENCE...



HULK THINKS TALKING TREE
IS GONE FOR GOOD...

... BUT HULK
FEELS... SO
TIRED...



WHAT IS HAPPENING TO
EARTH?

FIRST AIR
IS HOT NOW IT'S
COLD-- BEFORE HULK
COULD SEE THE SUN...
NOW THE SUN HAS
GONE AWAY...

HULK WISHES AIR AND
SUN WOULD COME UP
THEIR MARCHES



OH, NOW HULK
UNDERSTANDS...

SUN HAS
GONE AWAY-- HE
WANTS WATER-- FRESH-- SALT
WATER-- ON THE EARTH.

NOW EVERY
THING WILL
GET WET.



GO AWAY!
CLOUDS-- HULK
WANTS SUN
SUN!

GO AWAY!

USUALLY WHEN
THE SUN-- OR
ANY OF US, FOR
THAT MATTER--
YELL AT THE
SKY, WE GET NO
ANSWER.



THIS TIME
HE DOES.

AND HE WISHES HE'D
KEPT HIS TONGUE
SHUT.

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A STRONG BOLT STRONGER THAN THE FIRST...

...TRIGGERING PAIN SO GREAT THAT THE HULK CAN'T EVEN CRY OUT...

ALL HE CAN DO IS SINGING...

...AND HOPE THAT SOMEBODY OR LATER THE TORMENT WILL END.



SHRILLLY ENOUGH THAT WHEN YOU IS GRANTED

ZZKOW!

NUH-!!



LIGHTNING ISN'T SO SCARY AFTER ALL...

HULK COULD NOT MOVE BUT LIGHTNING HURT ANYWAY.

HULK DOES NOT LEAVE THE PLACE-- HULK WILL LEAVE.

NO ORGANIC ONE--

...YOU WILL NOT!



ONCE MORE THE BLIP FINISH HIMSELF TRAPPED ON THIS BARRING BACKWASH WORLD...

I HAVE SEEN NOW YOU REACTED TO THUNDER OTHER BEINGS. HULK, AND I HAVE FOUND YOU AT CLASHES AND VIOLENCE ALL THE REST OF HUMANITY.

THEREFORE, YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GATE ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR THEM!

DEATH!

HULK CARES NOTHING FOR HUMAN VOICE.

BUT HULK KNOWS YOU!

YOU ARE SOMEONE HULK HAS COMBAT BEFORE. YOU ARE THE GLOWING LIGHTS THAT TOUCH BURNED HULK. YOU ARE--

ZZZAX!



YOU TALK LIKE ONE OF THE GREAT--

...THE BLIP NEVER TALKS YOU BEFORE NOW.

AND WHEN THIS BATTLE IS DONE--

...I WILL NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN!



CRACK-- VOICE HITS HULK WITH FIRE.

...AND FIRE BURNS JUST LIKE WHEN HULK FOUGHT HIS LAST TIME.

STOP BURNING HULK. CRACKS-- VOICE!



INCREDIBLE!

THOSE BLAZZZZ WOULD HAVE INCINERATED A CITY YET THE HULK MERELY STUNNED THEM OFF.

HE EVEN STUNNED TO ZZZING ME!



THE BLIP IS PURE ELECTRICAL ENERGY. HULK, MY BODY CONTAINS THE POWER OF BILLIONS OF MICROVOLT.

BY TOUCHING ME YOU HAVE MERELY ELECTROCUTED YOURSELF.



I WILL NOT ZZZOP HIM...

LET HIM LEARN THE POWER OF HIS ACTIONZ. THE HARD WAY.

YAAARRR--!!

ZZM!



NEXT: HULK'S SHOWDOWN WITH XEMNU--THE MONSTER MASTER!

MANDRAC THE NETHER-GOD CHALLENGES THE POWER OF MERLYN!

THE BLACK KNIGHT

THE BLACK KNIGHT MUST RECOVER THE BODY OF CAPTAIN BRITAIN, KILLED IN BATTLE, AND BORNE AWAY BY THE NETHERGOD MANDRAC... LORD OF THE SLAIN! BUT AS THE KNIGHT BATTLES WITH THE FORCES OF DARKNESS, A MOMENTOUS CONFRONTATION IS TAKING PLACE...

MERLYN!
YOU DARE
OPPOSE ME? DO
YOU UNDERSTAND
FULLY WHO
I AM?

I KNOW FULL
WELL WHO YOU
ARE, MANDRAC.
I KNOW THAT IN
NETHERWORLD
YOU REIGN
SUPREME...

BUT HERE, YOU
HAVE NO POWER
... HERE YOU ARE
AT MERLYN'S MERCY
... AND THAT OF MY
CHAMPION, THE
BLACK KNIGHT!

NIGHTSHADE, ONE OF THE CHILDREN OF MANDRAC, HAS DARKENED THE SKY BY DRAWING HIS ENCHANTED BLADE, NIGHTBRINGER!

IT MATTERS NOT! YOUR EVIL
SORCERY COULD EXTINGUISH
A THOUSAND SUNS BUT THE
DARKNESS WILL NEVER
PREVAIL!

RETURNING TO THEIR ORIGINAL FORM, THE TIVINS FLEW BLACK TO MANDRAC IN THE SHAPE OF HUGE CARRION CROWS...



...UNTIL THEY FINALLY SETTLED ON THEIR MASTER'S HELM...



THE LOAD OF THE SLAIN WAS NOW COMPLETE... AND CONFIDENT OF HIS ABSOLUTE POWER...



THOUGH YOU APPEAR BEFORE ME IN ESSENCE... CAN YOU CONFRONT ME IN FLESH?



VERY WELL, MANDRAC... THOUGH I AM NOT A WARRIOR BY NATURE, I ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE!



YOU HAVE SUMMONED ME AT YOUR PERIL... I STAND BEFORE YOU NOW... LET THE BATTLE COMMENCE!



BUT SUCH WAS THE NETHERGOD'S STRENGTH, HE COULD WIELD IT EASILY IN ONE MIGHTY HAND!



AS IF TO DEMONSTRATE THE SCOPE OF HIS POWERS...MANDRACC STRIKES A GIANT SOULDER WITH STUNNING FORCE...



AND THE VERY GROUND ITSELF IS TORN ASUNDER!



FLY, VALINOR... FLY! FOR A GREAT CHASM APPEARS BENEATH US!



BUT OTHERS WERE NOT SO LUCKY... FOR MOONDOG AND HIS ELVES THERE WAS NO ESCAPE!



MOONDOG MOVED QUICKLY, DIVING FORWARD TO GRASP THE FALLING ELF AS HE PLUNGED INTO THE CLEFT...



EVEN MERLYN HAD TO MOVE SHARPLY AS THE GROUND COLLAPSED BENEATH HIM... AND ALL THIS WROUGHT WITH A SINGLE BLOW!



THROOM THROOM THROOM

GREAT GODS! THE POUNDING OF GIANT HOoves...MANDRACC CHARGES!



LIKE THUNDER ROLLING ACROSS THE SKY, MANDRACC'S PHANTOM CHARGER HAMMERED THE EARTH... PULVERISING THE ROCK BENEATH ITS IRON FEET...



TO BE CONTINUED

NEXT - THE BATTLE RAGES AS MERLYN FACES MANDRACC THE NETHER-GOD!

CAUGHT IN THE TRAP OF EVIL EGGHEAD!

ANT-MAN!



THIS TIME YOU LOSE, ANT-MAN! THIS TIME YOU DIE! THE MOST PERFECT ANT KILLER IN THE WORLD... **THE ANT-EATER!** LOVELY, ISN'T IT, ANT-MAN? A LOVELY, INTRICATE SCHEME TO TRAP YOU, AND THEN... THE SIMPLE, FOOL-PROOF, ESCAPE-PROOF **END OF ANT-MAN!**

FEAR IS RUNNING THROUGH THE ANTS LIKE WILDFIRE! THEY CAN'T HELP US THIS TIME, ANT-MAN! WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

IT'S THE MOST DEADLY TRAP WE'VE EVER BEEN IN! BUT THERE HAS TO BE A WAY OUT... THERE HAS TO!

JANET VAN DYKE, ALIAS THE WASP, HAS DISCOVERED JEWELS STOLEN BY ARCH-CRIMINAL EGGHEAD AND HIS GANG - AND HIDDEN IN THE REPTILE HOUSE AT THE ZOO... NOW JANET PUNDERS ON A COURSE OF ACTION...



I'LL SHOW HIM I CAN DO A JOB ON MY OWN! FIRST, I'LL GET THE JEWELS AND THEN TRACK DOWN THE THIEVES... FOR THEY CAN'T BE FAR FROM WHERE THE JEWELS ARE HIDDEN!



THAT NIGHT, IN HER APARTMENT, THE LOVELY JANET VAN DYKE, BECOMES... **THE WASP!**



THERE'S THE REPTILE HOUSE JUST AHEAD!



WONDER WHAT THIS WIRE IS FOR? OH, WELL... IT DOESN'T MATTER!



SO INTENT IS SHE UPON HER PURPOSE THAT SHE FAILS TO SEE THE EYES WATCHING FROM THE SHADOWS!

BE READY TO MOVE FAST NOW...



IN INSIDE THE
WASP'S NEST...
BUT... WHAT'S
THIS? A SORT OF
STRANGE SORT
OF MAZE.



THEY TRAPPED TWISTER, GET THE SHOES I'VE
WIRED SO THE ANTS CAN'T CRAWL UP ON US!
APE, GET THAT IGUANA AND PUT IT IN THE
AQUARIUM! IN A FEW MINUTES THE WASP
WILL BECOME EVANTIC AND SEND OUT HER
SIGNALS TO ANT-MAN! WHEN HE ARRIVES
WE'LL INTRODUCE HIM TO THE DEADLY
SURPRISE WE'VE ARRANGED FOR HIM!



INSIDE THE NEST, THE WASP KNOWS THAT SHE HAS
SEARCHED HOW BEEN TRAPPED BY THE JUNGLE THIEVES,
AND, AFTER A FRANTIC EFFORT...
THERE IS NO WAY OUT! Z--I
DIDN'T WANT TO DO IT, BUT I'LL
HAVE TO STAND OUT A CALL FOR
HELP TO ANT-MAN!



HER DELICATE ANTENNAE VIBRATE
TREMULOUSLY AS THE MESSAGE IS
SENT... AND...

FOOLISH GUY! I'VE WARNED
HER NOT TO TACKLE JUNGLE
ALONE! IF ANY HARM
COMES TO HER--!



MINUTES... BUT ON THE AND--
LATER... MYING GOGGLES
SO WE DON'T LOSE
ANT-MAN!

SHE'S
INSIDE!



AS ANT-MAN STEPS INSIDE THE
NEED, THE MASTER CRIMINAL
PULLS A SWITCH AND...



ANT-MAN, IT IS Z, EGGHEAD!
I HAVE RETURNED TO
CONQUER YOU! YOU'VE
THE MODERN KNIGHT, SO
I AM GIVING YOU A CHANCE
TO PROVE YOUR PROWESS
AS DID THE KNIGHTS OF
OLD. HERE IS YOUR
LANCE AND THERE IS...
YOUR DRAGON!

I WAS A
FOOL, I
SHOULD
HAVE
SUSPECTED!
ONLY YOU
COULD HAVE
THOUGHT OF
SUCH A
DRACONIC
SCHEME!



BUT THERE IS NO TIME FOR
MORE CONVERSATION!
HE USED THE WASP TO
BAIT THIS TRAP! FOR THAT
ALONE I MUST PAY HIM
BACK! BUT FIRST, I MUST
DEFEAT THIS IGUANA LIZARD!



CHARGE!

HISS...



SWERVING, AVOIDING THE LACING
TONGUE AND SLASHING FEET OF
THE LIZARD, ANT-MAN CLOSERS IN
QUIETLY, HIS LANCE AIMED AT A
VULNERABLE SPOT...



I'VE
HOOO,
EGG--
HEAD!

NO YES! THIS IS
ONLY THE FIRST
ROUND! YOU'RE STILL
TRAPPED IN THAT
GLASS CASE...



THE ANT-SIZED HUMAN CROUCHES
IN HIS BOOZ, ACTIVATING AN ELEC-
TRONICALLY CONTROLLED SPRING.
BUT NOT FOR LONG!
GASH!



WHERE IS THE WASP?
AHEAD
AND
EGGHEAD,
IF YOU
VALUE
YOUR LIFE!

THE WASP
MEANS
NOTHING TO
ME! IT'S YOU
I WANT,
ANT-MAN!
AND I'LL GET
YOU YET!



WATCH OUT FOR ANOTHER GREAT ADVENTURE WITH THE ANT-MAN and his PARTNER, THE WONDROUS WASP STARRING IN... **HULK** NEXT WEEK! COMIC



MARVEL

BULLPEN BULLETINS



SEZ DEZ

Among our weekly volumes of letters, we receive quite a bundle all asking the same question: Why do Marvel allow various film and tv producers to change our magnificent heroes around?

So with no further ado, I'll pass you over to the man best suited to answer that question, Mr Marvel himself, Stan Lee ... Stan?

Well, if it will make you, our bashful British readers, feel any better, let's say for starters we hate those changes as much as you do. The problem is, we've had to allow the changes—we weren't able to prevent them.

You see, although I act as a "consultant", all I can do is butt in and give my opinions (which I do all the time!), but I can't force the producers or the networks to produce the shows and movies the way you and I would want them to. Only the producer can make the final decisions, and Marvel has not yet been the producer.

But don't despair! The times they are

a'changin'! We've decided that we'll no longer allow anyone else to produce shows about our cavortin' little cast of characters! No sir! Not even if Ben Grimm's Aunt Petunia begs us to!

From now on, any time someone brings one of our stalwart swashbucklers to the screen, that someone will be Marvel! Yep, that's right! We're gonna produce, or co-produce, any new Marvel shows ourselves!

I can almost hear some of you shouting, "But you guys aren't tv and movie producers. What do you know about producing?" Glad you asked, frantic ones! Maybe we didn't know much about it before, but we're mighty fast learners—and the next time a Marvel superhero makes it to the screen, he's gonna be depicted the way we created him, the way we popularised him, and the way we know the world wants to see him!

Now, if that's not enough to get a real sizzling argument going across the British Marvel Empire, wait till you see what we come up with later on!

So there you have it, straight from Stan the Man. We'll keep you posted on developments. Stay tuned!

Dez Skinn
Dez Skinn/Editor.

ITEM: As a special Bullpen Bulletins extra, here's the rundown on three upcoming events that no true Marvelite will want to miss ...

COMICON (LONDON) 1979

This coming weekend—the 11th and 12th August, 1979, heralds two days comics fans won't want to miss as conventioners Ian Grey-Stirling and Neville Oxford take the plunge and organise a weekend of panels, discussions, talks and lectures all about the wonderful world of comics. Flying in from America will be none other than **Star Wars Weekly's** Warlock artist/writer—Jim Starlin, while walking in from the nearest tube station will be our very own Dez Skinn and Hulk artist Paul Neary.

This will be all you Londoners big chance to see artists at work, view (and maybe even buy) original comic artwork, plus buy and sell old comics from one of the many dealers who promise to have thousands of rare back issues for sale.

The whole event will be held at the Rembrandt Hotel, corner of Thurlow Place and Fulham Road, South Kensington, London SW, almost opposite the Victoria and Albert Museum, between South Kensington and Knightsbridge underground stations.

Tickets are £2.50 for all the weekend events, which will also include quizzes, movies and much much more.

The doors open at 11.00am Saturday.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL COMIC ART CONVENTION

And if the London Con is either too far to travel, or notice is too short, or you loved it so much you can't wait for the next one ... Well, hold on to your hats, because the bi-g, bi-g Comic Art Convention is only a few weeks later.

The Eleventh Annual Comic Art Convention will be held at the Birmingham Metropole National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, for three whole days on August 31st, September 1st and September 2nd!

Friday August 31st gets the convention off to a flying start with a fancy dress competition in the evening, followed by a special film show.

Saturday and Sunday will see a wide range of special guests speakers including Chris (X-Men) Claremont, Dave (Dan Dare and Hulk) Gibbons, Jim (SHIELD) Steranko, Joe Staton, Paul Levitz and Dez Skinn (again)? Hundreds of thousands of old comics will be on sale over the weekend, plus auctions, film shows, art for sale and more.

Attendance is £5 for the 3 days, or £1 day tickets (from 10am to 4pm only). Special price for under 14 year olds: 3 days for £2, 50p day tickets (10am to 4pm only).

Further details from: Colin Campbell (Organiser), Blyton, Plains Road, Gt Totham, Maldon, Essex.

AND THEN ...

The third August biggie in the comics world is something you won't even have to leave your front room to see. On Thursday, August 16th, at 8.30pm on BBC1 across the country, the brave and the bold ones among you will be able to see Dez Skinn, Paul Neary, Jim Galtan (from the USA) plus the rest of the batty bullpen talking about and putting together **Hulk Comic**. We haven't seen the show yet, though we've heard we're squeezed between Mary Quant and Walt Disney (?), so take this as a warning or a reminder not to miss it, either way it will be another Mighty Marvel first as the Incredible Hulk leaps over to the BBC!

ITEM: We seem to be running out of space, just trying to keep abreast of dashing Dez's doings around the country, but can't let you go without reminding you of Phase 5 of the Marvel Revolution! The bigger-than-ever **Spectacular Spider-Man Weekly**, boasting 32 pages and nine action-packed stories is now on sale, still costing only 10p, so miss it at your peril!

And then, on August 23rd (yeh, what a hectic month!) you'll be able to get your hands on the new-look, new-style mighty **Marvel Superheroes Monthly**. Following the runaway success of **Rampage**, **Marvel's** gone monthly with 52 pages of Avengers, the Original X-Men, Ms Marvel and a special bonus feature, "The Wonderful World of Marvel".

SUPREMUS - THE ULTIMATE WARRIOR IS THE NEW FOE FOR...

**NICK
FURY**

Agent
of

SHIELD

SUPREMUS HEADQUARTERS INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE DIVISION NEW YORK, N.Y.



THIS IS THE MAN WHO PRESIDES OVER SHIELD--THE ONE MAN WHO CONTROLS RESOURCES SUFFICIENT TO BLOCK MY MARCH TOWARD POWER!

SO, WITH THE TOUCH OF A BUTTON THE COMMAND IS GIVEN--

NICK FURY MUST DIE!!



AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN A QUIET, BACKWATER STREET OF OUR NATION'S CAPITAL, A FAMILIAR FIGURE SAT, INTENSELY STUDYING PAPERS VITAL TO AMERICA'S DEFENSE...



...AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO LET-UP IN SPITE FOR THE NATION FROM THIS VERY UNSEASONABLE HOT SPELL! FALL IS UPON US, AND WINTER NOT FAR AHEAD...

...BUT SINCE A WEEK AGO THERE'S DAY WHEN THE FIRST UNUSUAL HEAT WAVE SWEEP ACROSS THE EAST COAST AND FANNED OUT TO ALL CORNERS OF THE CONTINENT, THERE HAVE BEEN NO SIGNS OF A RETURN TO NORMAL...



SUDDENLY THE SINISTER, GIZZLING SOUND OF LETHAL LASERS IS HEARD--AS BEAMS STRIKE LIKE SEARING LIGHTNING ACROSS THE ROOM...

OUR OVERSEAS CORRESPONDENTS TELL US THAT A SIMILAR HEAT WAVE IS BEGINNING IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD! THERE SEEMS TO BE NO KNOWN SCIENTIFIC EXPLANATION FOR THIS WEIRD WEATHER PHENOMENON!



AND THE FAMILIAR FIGURE IS FAMILIAR NO MORE...



WHILE, A SHORT BLOCK AWAY...

TELL ME, STARK--DO YOU HAVE AN UNLIMITED SUPPLY OF LIFE MODEL DECOYS?

THAT WASN'T AN LMD, COLONEL--IT WAS A REAL IMAGE OF YOU, PROJECTED ONTO A FORCE FIELD INTO THE ROOM OF THE STUDY IN YOUR APARTMENT!



THERE WERE FOUR LASER BEAMS TURNED ON THAT HOME-MOVIE HERO! WHO WERE THE FOUR KILLERS, GADGET MAN? DO WE KNOW?

I THINK SO, FURY! AFTER YOUR NUNCH ABOUT BEING WATCHED IN YOUR APARTMENT, WE CHECKED...

AND HERE'S THE GOLL CALL...

"CEDRIC TWIGG-SMYTHE,
BRITAIN'S MOST INNUMAN
KILLER!"

"PIERRE
ST. CYR,

CRIMINAL
CZAR OF
ALL
FRANCE!"

"TUMUMBA,
AFRICAN
POLITICAL
ASSASSIN!"

THINGS ARE MOVING...
UNDERGROUND, EVIL
THINGS...

LET'S HOPE WE'LL GLEAN
SOME THINGS OF IMPORTANCE
FROM THE MEETING THAT'S
BEEN CALLED AT THE HELI-
CARRIER!

I FEEL LIKE
TO FEEL A GUN
AT MY BACK!
I'VE GOT TO
FIND OUT WHAT'S
BEHIND ALL
OF THIS...

BEFORE
IT'S TOO
LATE!

"AND LAST BUT
NOT LEAST, PIPE
SOULANGE,
UNDERWORLD
KING OF THE
CASBAH AND A
VERY POWERFUL
FIGURE IN ARABIC
CRIMINAL CIRCLES!"

...AND A RASH OF SUDDEN RIOTS HAS
BROKEN OUT IN KEY CITIES ALL OVER...
MANY ASTUTE JOURNALISTS FEEL THAT THIS
OUTBREAK OF RIOTING AND VIOLENCE
THAT HAS JUST BEGUN IS DUE TO THE UN-
SEASONABLE WEATHER / WE THOUGHT RIOTING
WAS OVER WITH THE SUMMER, BUT NOW
SUMMER HAS COME AGAIN, EVEN BEFORE
FALL AND WINTER COULD RELIEVE
THE WORLD OF IT'S COVER OF HEAT!!

A REAL NICE
BUNCH A GUYS!
I'D LIKE TO GET
MY HANDS ON
THEM FOUR...

IMPOSSIBLE, COLONEL! YOU ISSUED THE
ORDERS NOT TO TOUCH THEM, SO THAT
THEY WOULD BE FREE TO REPORT
BACK TO WHOEVER SENT THEM
THAT YOU WERE DEAD!

YEAH! I WONDER WHO THE BOSS-MAN
IS? WHO, OR WHAT GROUP, IS BIG ENOUGH
AND STRONG ENOUGH TO COMMAND SUCH
A VARIETY OF TOP CRIMINALS ALL
OVER THE WORLD!

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YOU SEE, THE RIOTS
WERE TIMED TO
OCCUR IMMEDIATELY
AFTER NEWS OF YOUR
DEATH, COLONEL!

I RELIEVE THE
WEATHER
DOGS HAVE
SOMETHING TO
DO WITH IT
ALL!

IN MY OPINION THE STAGE IS SET FOR
THE DARKEST, DEADLIEST HOURS THIS
COUNTRY, AND PERHAPS THE WHOLE WORLD
HAS EVER KNOWN! ...

THAT DOES IT!
I'LL NEVER TOUCH
THE STUFF
AGAIN!

WAITA-
MINUTE,
STARK...
LISTEN!

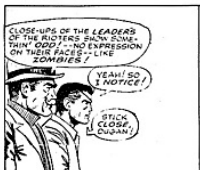
A BULLETIN HAS JUST
BEEN HANDED US FROM
LONDON TO THE EFFECT
THAT SIR GEOFFREY
ANGLEY OF BRITISH
INTELLIGENCE WAS FOUND
MURDERED A SHORT
TIME AGO...

ALL OVER THE WORLD
DIRECTORS OF SECURITY,
SECRET SERVICE, AND
ESPIONAGE ARE BEING
ASSASSINATED!

YEAH! PIPE US ABOARD,
STARK! I WANT ACTION!
FAST!!

SOON, THOUSANDS OF FEET ABOVE THE
EARTH, THE CONVERTED FORSCHE
APPROACHES A QUANTIC HELI-
CARRIER, MOBILE COMMAND H.Q.
FOR SHIELD'S SUPREME INTER-
NATIONAL COUNCIL...

AND YOU'LL SOON
GET IT. I'LL FURNISH
PERHAPS EVEN
MORE THAN YOU
BARGAINED FOR...



BUT, HEADLESS OF ANYTHING BUT ITS OWN
SINISTER SOUND THE VOICE OF SUPREMUS
SNARLS ON...

FIRST I WILL
STEAL AWAY THE
SENSES OF
MANKIND!

THEN I WILL TURN THE
WHOLE WORLD INTO A
LABORATORY WHERE THROUGH
GENETIC MANIPULATION I WILL
CHANGE MAN INTO A NEW
SPECIES, A WORLD OF
SLAVES, TO WORSHIP
AT THE SHRINE OF
SUPREMUS!

DISBAND!
PREPARE TO FACE
THE INEVITABLE!
I, SUPREMUS, THE
ULTIMATE POWER,
HAVE SPOKEN!

WELL, HE'S NOT SO
"ULTIMATE"!!

WE DOESN'T KNOW THAT NICK
FURY'S STILL ALIVE AN' NICKING!

GAEEDA!

STOP JAWIN', YA
OL' WALKUS, AN' GET
SHIELD'S COMPUTERS
ON THIS! FIND OUT
WHAT'S HAPPENED AT
THE CAVES OF
HERCULES!

WHAT CLUES? THAT SWELL-HEAD
SUPREMUS JUST HANDED US
A FISTFUL OF 'EM!

THE WORD "GAEEDA" IS
ARABIC FOR "HELLO", OR
IN THIS CASE, "GOODBYE"!!

THOSE CAVES HE'S
IN... I'M SURE THEY'RE
THE CAVES OF HERCULES
ON CAPE SPARTEL, JUST
OUTSIDE OF TANGIERS...
WHERE THE ATLANTIC
AND THE MEDITERRANEAN
MEET!

YEAH,
SURE! THE
HOWLERS
BLITZED
THAT PLACE
ONCE...

THEN, SUDDENLY...

NICK!
LOOK
OUT!
A MISTAKE
HUS'T BE
RECTIFIED!

OYE,
NICK
FURY!

**HOW CAN NICK FURY
SURVIVE THIS ATTACK?**
see next week's issue!

ANOTHER
MARVEL
MASTERPIECE
**NOW
ON
SALE!**



**NOW,
MORE
THAN
EVER,
BRITAIN'S
GREATEST!**

THE ETERNAL HOST BECOMES ONE WITH THE UNI-MIND!

THE ETERNALS

THIS IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED! GIANTS HAVE COME FROM SPACE TO BEGIN A FIFTY YEAR JUDGEMENT OF ALL THAT LIVES ON EARTH! THEY DROVE THE PLANET... THEY PROBE THE OCEANS... THEIR AWESOME VESSEL ORBITS ABOVE US LIKE A COSMIC SENTRY..

THIS IS WHAT IS HAPPENING! HUMANS EVERYWHERE ARE REACTING TO THIS--AND MORE! WE SHARE OUR PLANET WITH TWO FANTASTIC SPECIES--THE IMMORTAL ETERNALS AND THE SCHEMING DEVIANTS WHO MUST FACE THIS WITH US!

THIS IS WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN: HUMANS WILL STRIKE FIRST!!



ON THE CRIST OF A GREAT MOUNTAIN, WHERE THE ANCIENT CITY OF OLIMPIA IS SITUATED, SURVEYS THE OLDEST OF THE ETERNALS HAS ISSUED THE CALL! IT IS A MESSAGE ABANDONED SINCE THE DAYS OF THE PLANETARY FLOOD, IT IS A SUMMONING HEARD BY ALL ETERNALS; EVERYWHERE, THE MEANING OF IT LIES IN A RITUAL IN WHICH ALL ETERNALS UNITE THEIR MINDS AS ONE...

WE ARE AMONG THE EARLY ARRIVALS--IT'S BUT THE CITY IS FAST BURGEONING WITH NEWCOMERS!

IT IS BEST NOT TO BE CAUGHT IN THE PRESS OF THE OTHERS.

TO LEVITATE NOW--IS TO GAIN A MOMENT OF FINE SOARING BEFORE WE BECOME ONE WITH ZURAS!



MEANWHILE, OLYMPIA BEGINS TO SHAKEN WITH ETERNALS WHO HAVE LAID ASIDE THEIR INDIVIDUAL PURSUITS ALL ACROSS THE GLOBE...



BUT A HUMAN IS PRESENT IN THE GATHERING CROWD, MARGO DAMIAN FEELS AWED BY THESE OLYMPIAN SURROUNDINGS...



IT'S ALL SO DISCONCERTING. MANY OF THESE PEOPLE SEEM TO POP OUT OF NOWHERE.

MAKARRI IS RIGHT. WE ETERNALS HAVE DISAPPEARED OURSELVES IN YOUR CITIES FOR CENTURIES. IT'S TIME TO OPEN OUR GLOWING DOORS TO HUMANS.



WHAT THEY'RE ACTUALLY DOING IS "POPPING IN" FROM SOMEWHERE. IT'S A FACULTY WE'VE DEVELOPED -- LIKE LEVITATION.

THERE! SEE THE LIGHT FORMING? SOMEONE'S ARRIVING NOW!

SAY THAT MUST BE--



"KINGO SUMBI! I'D KNOW HIS SAMURAI SILHOUETTE ANYWHERE!"



WELL, IKARIS! I SEE THAT YOU AND MAKARRI HAVE NOT YET NEGLECTED BEAUTY IN THIS GRAVE HOUR!

NOR HAVE YOU THE SWORD, KINGO?

BE AS ONE WITH GREAT ZURAS!

WHAT'S WRONG, MARGO? YOU LOOK PUZZLED!



ETERNALS ARE AS KNOWN AS HUMANS. YOU KNOW, KINGO'S CITY IS ON A MOUNTAIN ON THE ISLAND OF NOKKINPO!

Y-YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! I'VE SEEN HIM BEFORE -- HE'S A FAMOUS JAPANESE MOVIE STAR!

THAT'S TRUE! KINGO LOVES NOTHING BETTER THAN PORTRAYING SAMURAI!



--AND WHO CAN DO IT MORE ACCURATELY. I ASK YOU?!

HE WAS A WITNESS TO THE REAL THING IN SIXTEENTH CENTURY JAPAN!

WELL, LOOK WHO JUST POPPED IN FROM THE BIG APPLE!

HER VOICE IS MUSICAL. THE JOY OF LIVING IS EVER-PRESENT IN HER LAUGHTER. SERSE! THE ETERNAL APPEARS WITH A RESISTANT GUEST IN TOWN...



THE TIME IS AT HAND FOR HUMANS TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH OUR WAYS. COME! ZURAS AND THE UNI-MIND AWAIT US!



AT THAT VERY MOMENT, IN A WAR-ROOM OF THE KREMLIN--



VULCANIN HAS A POINT, COMRADE GENERAL! THAT THING SHOWS NO SIGN OF HOSTILITY! IT MOVES, BUT DOES NOT DAMAGE--



PROFESSOR HOLDEN SEEMS A BIT SHAKEN UP BY OUR MODE OF TRAVEL, SERSE!



I'D NEVER HAVE SUSSED THAT LOOK OF SURPRISE ON SAM'S FACE FOR THE WORLD!



THE POLAR MOUNTAIN ETERNALS HAVE ALL HEARD THE CALL! THEY WON'T AIL GREAT ZURAS!



ALAS, THE BLEAK NORTH DOES NOT BREED GENTLE HEARTS. THE POLAR ETERNALS ARE WHERE THUNDER ROLLS AND LIGHTNING RIDES THE SKY--!



YES! MARGO WOULD GET QUITE A JOY IF SHE KNEW WHERE YOUR BULLY-BOYS ARE!



THAT GIANT WALKS UNIMPOSED IN THE SIBIRIAN WILDERNESSES! LUCKY FOR US, HE'S STILL IN A THINLY POPULATED AREA. WE CAN STOP HIM THERE!



I DO NOT DOUBT THAT THESE ARE AUTHENTIC! YET THIS INSCRUTABLE GIANT SHOWN HERE DEFIES BELIEVABILITY!



IS DESTROY THE ONLY WORD IN YOUR VOCABULARY? THAT IS A BEING FROM OUTER SPACE! HE IS A MATTER FOR OUR THINKERS AND SCIENTISTS!



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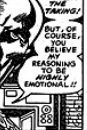
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WOULD YOU SEEK A PASSPORT--TO SET FOOT ON MARS? COME NOW, GRESHKOV! WE'RE DEALING WITH AN ALIEN-- BUT HE IS NOT OF THIS WORLD!



ALL THE MORE REASON TO KILL HIM! WE MUST LET HIS COMPANIONS KNOW THAT WE ARE NOT FOR TAKING! BUT, OF COURSE, YOU BELIEVE MY REASONS TO BE ABOLIVELY EMOTIONAL!!



THE AMERICANS WOULD CALL IT "SHOOTING FROM THE HIP!"



VERY WELL! WE SHALL SEE WHAT YOU CALL IT!





NEXT WEEK--ACTION! DON'T MISS HULK ISSUE 25!

HULK TALK!

Dear Marvel,

I think Captain Britain is great. But give him back his Star Sceptre and his own strip. He's a hero who fights villains, not goblins, trolls, wizards and such. Why not bring out a Captain Britain Monthly.

Even if you can't do what I ask, good luck as you're the best British comics company because you care about your readers.

Neill McDougall, Gloucester.

Were it not for his last battle, I'm sure Cap would agree with you about not fighting trolls, goblins and wizards, but now he's in no position to argue with anybody, least of all his mentor, Merlyn, who sent him on his epic quest with The Black Knight. What now? Stay tuned... and always expect the unexpected!

Dear Hulk Comic,

I think your comics are brilliant. The stories I like best are Hulk, Ant-Man and Nick Fury. When I was in England, I watched the Hulk tv show every week. But now I'm in Zambia I miss it, though your comic makes up for it.

Alex Hampson, Kitwe, Zambia.

Dear Marvel Madmen,

Hulk Comic is coming on fine. There were mistakes at first, with Hulk not as strong as he should be. Luckily, the scripts started improving (especially with the Bigfoot story).

The Black Knight is very good, and Steve Parkhouse has done exceedingly well writing it. Captain Britain is very good in the saga, as he appears human and is scared and confused at the likes of elves, goblins and magic. This is the first time I've seen the character and I'm nicely drawn to him.

Ant-Man is enjoyable, but not as dashing as I'd expect, with very limited dialogue.

Eternals is very good, but Kirby isn't the best at dialogue, either.

Night-Raven is brilliant, though. You've put him in a different timeslot and not given away his identity. In a way, it's more interesting to see this character is not the nice personality you expect from super-heroes

(though he isn't in that category really) and you can see he's on a vengeance trip. Branding people's foreheads is a rather macabre and vicious thing to do, so he is sort of an anti-hero, as he is no more than a nasty vigilante. That's what I like about him. But don't give his identity away. Only a few clues.

Oh, and it's nice to see an absence of super-villains.

Darknight Defective, New Malden.

Thanks for your comments, Darknight of New Malden(?). As stated before, we wanted to introduce the Marvel—original—version of the Hulk slowly, so as not to confuse everyone who got the call through the tv series. We're now back into the full swing of the mighty Marvel version. OK? Now, before you ask what's happened to the titanic talents of David Lloyd, Paul Neary, Steve Dillon and friends, here's the lowdown. In two words: Phase Six! That's phase six of the Marvel Revolution to newcomers. While you'll see the results of Phase Five on your newsagents counters any day now (Marvel Super-Heroes Monthly and the bigger, better-than-ever Spectacular Spider-Man Weekly), Phase Six is the biggest yet! We can't tell you any more just now, but all our top creative talents are hard at work producing the best possible new mag which will appear on both sides of the Atlantic!

Finally, more on the Night-Raven story in our upcoming FOOO 23 (watch for details).

Dear Dez and Co.,

I am writing to tell you about the Eternals. It is one of the worst Marvel stories I have ever read, so please get rid of it and replace it with something else.

Could you also please tell to origin of Night-Raven, as I am dying to find out. And you could also print a special page on the secrets of Night-Raven, showing how his weapons and palm brand works.

Altogether your Hulk Comic is brilliant. Every story gets top marks except You-Know-What.

To close I have two questions to

ask: How small does Ant-Man shrink to? And who is the smartest, Dr Bruce Banner or Dr Henry Pym?

Michael Henderson, Waterloooville

Sorry you don't like The Eternals, Michael. But we've given Ikaris your address and he'll be popping round to "chat" things over with you. Question answers: Ant-Man can shrink to almost any size, depending on the strength of his reducing formula. Answer two: As Banner and Pym work in different sciences it's like comparing a top artist with a top writer. Bruce Banner is a nuclear physicist, Henry Pym a bio-chemist. Okay? Okay?

Dear Dez,

When I watched The Hulk on television, I didn't think much of him, but when I saw your comic I decided to see if it was any better.

Ever since then, I've bought Hulk every week and I've become a great fan of Hulk and all the other super-heroes in the comic.

Keep up the excellent work!

Nicholas Smith, Cublington, Warks.

Dear Marvel,

When I read this week's Hulk Comic, I decided to write to you. The Hulk stories are better than ever, though I was a bit disappointed with the conclusion of the Hulk Island of Terror story in issue 20.

The Black Knight's team-up with Captain Britain has really put life into the story. Ant-Man should have longer stories, about 4 issue series. And I am pleased he is teaming up with The Wasp, as he needed a companion.

Night-Raven is excellent. He is made even more mysterious because his origin is not revealed. But don't keep the secret for too long or readers may get bored.

Nick Fury is great, but I don't like the Eternals as much as everything else in the comic.

The "What If?" Hulk stories are coming on well. Keep them up.

Patrick Brandt, Fairfield, Liverpool.

Hulk promises to be reaching a new pinnacle of excellence in a great new story Steve Moore, Paul Neary and David Lloyd are currently working on. It's entitled "Raiders From Quarrn". Watch for it! As for Night-Raven, well, we've some pretty interesting exploits for our Dark Avenger also in preparation.

HULK BATTLES ANNIHILUS IN AN ALIEN DIMENSION!

WHAT IF RICK JONES HAD BECOME THE



PART FOUR

TRAPPED IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE!

AN ALIEN WORLD, MUCH LIKE OUR OWN IN THE EARLY 1960s, BUT THERE FATE HAS SAVED BRUCE BANNER, YET MADE A MAN-MONSTER OUT OF TEENAGER RICK JONES, WHO NOW FINDS HIMSELF TRAPPED IN THE NEGATIVE ZONE AT THE HANDS OF ANNIHILUS:

BY D.GLUT + S.BUSCEMA



SO, YOU CONTINUE TO SCURM
...TO STRAIN TO BREAK
FREE OF MY GRASP!



EVEN AS MY VISERLIKE
FINGERS TIGHTEN ABOUT
YOUR THROAT...

...YOU
STRUGGLE TO
SURVIVE, AND BE-
GIN TO... GROW?



--AND, LIKE A
CHAMELEON, TO
BECOME EMERALD
IN HUE??



DON'T JIVE HULK
WITH FANCY LINGO,
BUG-MAN! HULK
DOESN'T DIG IT!

AND HULK
DOESN'T DIG
YOU, BUG-
MAN!

DOESN'T
LIKE GETTING
CHOKED!

SO HULK'S
GONNA SHWAT
THE BUG-MAN,
LIKE RICK'D
SHWAT SOME
CLIMBY
FLY!

WROPP!

"AN ALIEN-SOUNDING
WHOOOF OF APPROVAL
MEETS THE EARS
OF THE HULK."





RIGHT ON TARGET!
NOW, IF MY THEORY IS
RIGHT, RICK WILL BE
CURED IN SUCH A WAY
THAT HE'LL NEVER BE-
COME THE HULK AGAIN.

WAAAAA-?

NOW COMES ANOTHER
MYSTERIOUS BLAST!

"THEN, AS HIS POWER-
FUL BODY PULSES
FROM THE INCREDIBLE
POSSIBLE, THE SEEMINGLY
IMPOSSIBLE OCCURS:
HULK FEELS KINDA
WEIRD--LIKE HULK IS
FREAKIN' OUT!"



"A HUMANOID SHAPE,
OUTLINED BY GAMMA
RAYS, SEPARATED
FROM THE HULK--



"--PROMPTLY
SOLIDIFYING
INTO A
FAMILIAR
FORM."

FAN-TASTIC! EITHER THIS
IS ALL SOME KINDA BAD
TRIP--

--OR ELSE RICK JONES AND
THE HULK HAVE JUST SPLIT INTO
TWO DIFFERENT COPIES!

HULK FEELS GROOVY
AGAIN! SO NOW HULK WILL
FINISH STAMPIN' BUG-WAY!



IT'S INCREDIBLE,
BANNER, BUT YOU
DID IT!

BUT RICK IS STILL
IN DANGER, ONCE HE
DRIFTS TOO FAR OUT
OF THE GATEWAY'S
RANGE--

THAT'S ANOTHER
REASON I CAME TO
YOU FOR HELP,
RICHARDS!

--WE
MIGHT
LOSE HIM
FOREVER.

ONLY
YOU CAN
SAVE
RICK'S
LIFE NOW...



"--USING THE
STRETCHING
POWERS OF
MR. FANTASTIC!

AGREED, BANNER!
THERE'S NO TIME
TO ORGANIZE A
RESCUE PARTY TO
GO AFTER RICK.



I'VE GOT TO REACH THE
BOY NOW, WHILE THERE'S
STILL TIME--

"--AND IN
THE MOST
DIRECT WAY
POSSIBLE!"

"THROUGH THE NEGATIVE
ZONE GATEWAY STRETCHES
MR. FANTASTIC'S ARM..."



"...PENETRATING THE VERY
ETHER OF THIS MAD
NEGATIVE UNIVERSE."

NOW WHAT?
FIRST, IT'S
ANNIHILUS...

...AND NOW
SOME FREAKED-
OUT SNAKE IS
COMIN' TO--

NO!
IT'S A HAND...
REACHING FOR ME!



I'VE NEVER STRETCHED THIS FAR
BEFORE! ARM FEELS... LIKE IT'S
ABOUT TO SNAP! BUT... CAN'T
GIVE UP... DESPITE THE PAIN...

GRAB IT, SON!
TAKE MY HAND
NOW! CAN'T HOLD
OUT... MUCH
LONGER!

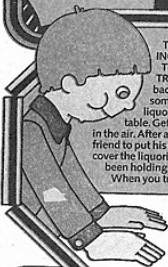
"MOVINGLY, RICHARDS
STRAINS TO REACH
OUT ANOTHER
FEW INCHES..."

**WILL RICK JONES
BE SAVED?**

**CAN THE HULK
DEFEAT THE
BEING KNOWN AS
ANNIHILUS?**

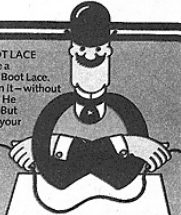
see next week!

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